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TWO YEARS ENDING JUNE 30, 1892.



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To the honorable H. H. MARKHAM, Governor:

SIR: The Trustees of the Mineral Cabinet, authorized by an Act of the Legislature entitled "An Act to provide for the removal of the mineral cabinet from the State Library," approved March 9, 1887, have the honor herewith to submit their third biennial report.

Respectfully,

EUGENE J. GREGORY.
J. A. WOODSON.
GEO. PYBURN.

E. B. CROCKER ART GALLERY, SACRAMENTO, June 30, 1892.

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF MINERAL CABINET.

Since the last report, dated June-30, 1890, there have been made improvements in the Cabinet of a most thorough and satisfactory character. We have removed entirely the heavy and cumbrous walnut shelving running through the glass cases from end to end, and which proved obstructive of light, and therefore detrimental to the exhibition of specimens, and substituted therefor large plates of glass supported horizontally on light, turned pillars of walnut. In this way we have not only obtained more space for the arrangement and exhibition of the specimens, but also have secured an improvement in their illumination. In addition to this improvement, we have substituted for the heavy-railed, double glass doors forming the walls of the glass cases, lightly framed doors containing each one large glass plate, with the effect of an increase in the light of over 30 per cent—a matter of great moment in the exhibition and view of minerals. At the present time, therefore, the Mineral Cabinet presents a much more attractive appearance than formerly, and permits a more thorough examination of its contents.

During the past two years the Cabinet has been visited by several thousand visitors, both citizens and strangers, and it forms apparently a very attractive feature of the Capital City. Moreover, showing as it does, in a way not to be misunderstood, the varied character and great extent of the mineral resources of the State, it cannot fail to be advantageous in the way of attracting citizens and capital to California.

During the past two years we have added some specimens to the collection; some of these have been obtained by the individual exertions of the Trustees, while others are duplicates presented by the State Mining Bureau. These additions, and also those made during the previous biennial period, together with perhaps a thousand specimens found in drawers and not hitherto catalogued, will render necessary a revised catalogue. This the Trustees have authorized the Secretary, Dr. Pyburn, to prepare, and if the consent of the honorable Board of Examiners can be obtained, to have it printed in such numbers as may be deemed necessary for the use of visitors. It is proposed to make this new catalogue not merely a list of exhibits, but in addition a popular treatise on the properties, uses, modes of procuring and reducing such classes of minerals as are most abundant and interesting to the citizens of California. Thus, the Cabinet, in connection with the catalogue, will form an educational as well as a spectacular exhibition.

Following is a statement of expenditures made during the period intervening between the previous report and the present one:

Geo. H. Jost, for work on Cabinet and for materials	\$206 20
C. H. Krebs, for glass shelving, glass for doors, polishing new work, etc.	121 60
Prof. C. Dahl, for handling and arranging specimens, consequent on the substitution of glass shelves for the wooden ones formerly in use.	67 50
Total	\$395 30

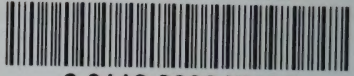
The details of these various sums have from time to time been submitted, with vouchers, to the honorable Board of Examiners, and have received their approval. Of this sum total \$90 50 was paid from a balance remaining of the appropriation for the fiscal year 1890-91.

In the Act creating the Board, and providing for the removal of the Cabinet from the State Library to the E. B. Crocker Art Gallery, it was provided that "no expense to the State shall be incurred either for room rent or care of the same," and the Trustees have taken pleasure in executing their trust without desiring any compensation. They have, however, in view a further extension of the Cabinet, by using the old double doors (which, as above stated, have been replaced by lighter single ones) for the construction of a revolving cabinet, in which typical or specially valuable specimens may be arranged for exhibition. Occasionally, also, some specimen, valuable on account of its completing a series, is presented, and could be obtained at the outlay of a small amount of money. We therefore respectfully request that you will recommend a small appropriation, not more, say, than \$500, for the use of the Board during the two fiscal years next ensuing.

Respectfully submitted.

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